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BANA Invites Guests to Spring Board Meeting in Cincinnati

The Braille Authority of North America (BANA) will hold its spring meeting on April 1 – 3, 2011, in Cincinnati, Ohio. This meeting is hosted by The Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CCBVI), a BANA member organization. Meetings will take place at Clovernook on Friday and at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati on Saturday and Sunday. The Hyatt Regency is located at 151 West 5th Street. The Clovernook Center's location is 7000 Hamilton Avenue.

BANA will hold an Open Forum on Thursday, March 31, at 6:00 P.M. at the Hyatt Regency. This forum provides an opportunity for participants to learn more about the workings of BANA and to provide feedback to the Board about braille. BANA Board members want to hear participants' views about issues surrounding braille and its future. Braille readers, teachers, and producers of braille are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to participate in a round-table discussion and to engage in a dialogue with the members of the BANA Board. To reserve your space at the Open Forum and to help ensure accurate counts for handouts, contact Judy Dixon at 202-707-0722 or jdix@loc.gov.

Guests are invited to attend the BANA Board meetings and observe the deliberations. Items on the Board's agenda include discussions of tactile graphics, foreign language braille, and the recent review of the formats guidelines. The Chair of the United Kingdom Association for Accessible Formats (UKAAF), Pete Osborne, will also be in attendance and will provide an international perspective. Space is limited. To reserve a seat, please contact BANA Chair Judy Dixon.

For additional resource information, visit www.brailleauthority.org

The mission and purpose of the Braille Authority of North America are to assure literacy for tactile readers through the standardization of braille and/or tactile graphics. BANA promotes and facilitates the use, teaching, and production of braille. It publishes rules, interprets, and renders opinions pertaining to braille in all existing codes. It deals with codes now in existence or to be developed in the future, in collaboration with other countries using English braille. In exercising its function and authority, BANA considers the effects of its decisions on other existing braille codes and formats; the ease of production by various methods; and acceptability to readers.